

Policy Academy Plan

Gains High Support

According to a recent Washington newspaper
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A few words spoken by a United States Senator two months ago, altho apparently attracting little notice—save among his immediate audience at graduation ceremonies of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces—nevertheless took root in fertile soil, it was learned today.

Indeed, his idea is growing with such vigor as to suggest that it may, before long, materialize into one of the most important projects in Government since the dawn of the nuclear-and-space age.

PROPOSAL

It was on June 11 that Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), nearing the end of his formal address at the college, suggested the establishment of an "Academy of National Policy," whose purpose would be to rally the nation's learned talents. As Sen. Jackson explained:

"It could relate our scientific programs to the other fields of national policy, rethink existing assumptions, and give new directions to both scientific and political effort."

Why? Because, as the plan's sponsor pointed out, despite the fact that a great deal has been done to mobilize scientific brains for the country's benefit in this era of enormous challenges, there is no channel available to let the Government benefit from the best talents in the humanities and the social sciences.

SERIOUS ISSUE

Yet, he emphasized, "the most serious issues we now face lie in the realm of science of human behavior."

So he proposed the establishment, "here in Washington, D. C." of an Academy of National Policy.

"What I visualize," he made clear, "is a rotating sciences . . . social sciences

. . . humanities, including men of broad experience from business, labor, and public affairs. These men would spend a year or two at the Academy."

REACTION

What kind of soil has this seed fallen on?

The Brookings Institution, learning of the plan, arranged to distribute 100 copies of the speech to experts associated with the organization.

Both the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation asked to be supplied with further details.

High officials in the Government have been in touch with Sen. Jackson, assuring him of their desire to explore the subject, because "they're conscious," as the Senator put it, "of the inadequacy of Government planning."

Persian Sheik Visits Queen

GENEVA, Switzerland, Aug. 13 (UPI)—Sheik Ali Ben Abdullah Al Thani, ruler of the oil-rich Persian Gulf territory of Qatar, left here by train for London yesterday for an official visit at the invitation of Queen Elizabeth.

The 64-year-old ruler, whose British-protected sheikdom produces an estimated 50,000,000 barrels of oil a year, is scheduled to meet today with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

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